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Madura Collector's Office.

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List of Retainable papers for 1837-38.

Received Letters Court of Wards Madura Collec

Date.	Number.	From whom received.	Substance.
2/5/39	126	Secy. of B. R. 6 Board	~~Forwarding~~ Communicating Govt. opinion regarding the assumption of the possession of the Zemindary of Sheva-gangah by Ranee Ingamootoo Natchiar
		do	Forwarding at copy of Board's remarks on the settlement report of the Shevagangah Zemindary for fusly 1247, submitted by the Collector.
Feb/39	227	Secy. to Bd of Rev. P.W.D	Communicating Govt. Sanction of the estimates for the repairs required to be done to works of irrigation in the ~~Sheva~~ gangah Zemindary

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14/5/40	... Secretary Bd of Revenue C. of W.		Forwarding an extract from B.P. relating to the satisfaction of the claim of Ramanadan chetty
13/6/42	Do		Forwarding copy of the Bd's Remarks upon the settlement of the Sheristadar Zemindary for 1250, submitted by the collector

Revenue Department

To the Principal Collector of
Madura

Sir,

With reference to the de[cree]
passed by you on the 19th January las[t]
regarding the enjoyment of a piece of
land attached to the Umbalam merasy
of the Village of Aroottecotta in the
Sevagunga Zemindary in which one
I. Maroodoo Saroowacaren was Plaintiff
and Veeruppen Defendant, I am directed
by the Board of Revenue to request
you will state under what regulation
your Decree was recorded and what
is the nature and extent of the
rights

...ich under your Decree have

... made over to the Plaintiff.

I have the honor to be

...nne Bazaar,
...t. St George,
... June 1809 }

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant

... 2d ...

...Recd ...

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Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 19th October 1837.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Mad[illegible] dated 16th September 1837.

(Here enter No 128)

With respect to the Peish-cush due by the proprietor of the Zemindary from Devastanum lands &c it is required that the Principal Collector have recourse to proclamations according to Clause 2 Section X Regulation XXVII of 1802 and every means should be used to

warn

about the Py[illegible] &c. of the responsibility
they will still be liable to if they pay
their rents to any but the Officers of
[illegible] [illegible]

The Board are unwilling

to anticipate the orders of the [illegible] which
[illegible] the present engagements of the Tenantry
[illegible] to be used then to [illegible]
[illegible] the rents payable [illegible]
until that Court shall pass such orders.
but if the Superintendance of the landed
property of the [illegible] and Chattels
attached [illegible] to in the [illegible] of the [illegible]
of 1st May, the [illegible] [illegible]
the actual possession of the Tenantry
[illegible] and if the case [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] and when that Tenantry
are under attachment the Superintendance
remain

of the property of the Devastanums and Chuttrums and the collection of the revenues was under [illegible] in the Officers of Government, and the Principal Collr is satisfied that the same arrangement is necessary now in Shevagunga to prevent their ... being misappropriated, the Board think that under Regulation VII of 1817 it will be proper to interfere and to cause a proclamation to be issued notifying that the Superintendence and management of these Revenues is transferred to the public Officers now in charge of the Zemindarry requiring payment of all dues of the Devastanums &c to be made to those Officers accordingly and to none else.

True Extract

[illegible]

Acting Secretary

Recd 27 Octr [illegible]

Compd. J. Lambert

Revenue Department

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 12th February 1838.

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 31st January 1838.

(Here enter No.)

The assumption of the [illegible]tanum and Chuttrum Revenues of Sheraganga by the Officers of Government was sanctioned by the Board of Revenue in their Proceedings of the 9th October under certain contingencies, which it is presumed are applicable in this instance tho not stated in express terms by the Principal Collector in this report.

The Board will be prepared to sanction such additional Establishment

as

…s may be considered necessary when the same is submitted by Mr. Blackburne.–

A true Extract

Recd 24th FB

[signature]
Acting Secretary.–

Compd. S. Lambert

Revenue Department

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Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 31st May 1838.

Read again the Report of the Principal Collector of Madura

13th Nov 1837. on the Settlement of the aforesaid Zemindary of Shevagunga for Fusly 1246.

(Here Enter No. 149)

On the receipt of information that this Zemindary had been decreed by the Suder Udalut away from the person then in possession to the widow of the late Zemindar, the Board directed its attachment

for

for the recovery of the arrears of Government Peshcush which the Principal Collector had previously reported to have accrued against it. The management of the Estate was accordingly assumed by the Principal Collector on the 12th May 1837.

2 At this time, the Collections as well as the Cultivation and Harvest are represented to have been nearly completed; and owing to the previous Settlement of the Zemindar having been formed chiefly by verbal instructions, and the imperfect nature of all the accounts procurable the Principal Collector appears to have experienced great

difficulty

difficulty in determining the amount

of demand against the ryots. — 15

3 The Settlement eventually

fixed, amounted to Rupees 295,301-2-5

or Rupees 64745-1-6 less than

what appeared to be the demand

for the preceding year according to

the Curnums' Accounts. The Season

however is stated to have been

extremely unfavorable, and compared

with Fusly 1241. when the Zemindary

was also under attachment, and the

Season was unfavorable

Fusly 1241	298,610 - 10 - 9	
" 1246	295,301 - 2 - 5	the deficit in Fusly 1246
	3309 - 8 - 4	is only 3309-8-4. In

Fusly 1242. again, the Beriz rose as

high as 4,11,538-6-3, exceeding that

of the Fusly under review by

Rupees

Hasoly 1242 - 4ll53..
" - 1245 - 295301
116237

Rupees 116237 - 3 - 11 -

4 The Collections made by the Zemindar, previous to the attachment, amounted to 27?887 - 15 - 5, leaving outstanding only Rupees 16413 - 3 - ", of which Rupees 10978 - 7 - 10 had been collected up to the 10th October last and Rupees 1086 - 10 - 8 are stated to have been left as a balance in the Accounts according to Custom, alluding probably to a practice explained in the 7th para of the Principal Collectors Report. The remainder Rupees 4348 - " - 6 it was expected would be collected within two months of the date of the Collector's report. The above mentioned balance of 1036 - 10 - 8

appear

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appears in the Accounts, it is presumed
against the parties alluded to in
Sections 5 - 6 - 7 and 8 of Para 7. of the
report.-

5. The balance due to
Government at the date of attach-
2d May ment amounted to 171000: adding to
which the last Kist of the Peshcush
and the amount of an advance for
Establishment and Sadderwared, the
total demand against the Estate
up to the end of the fusly was
207906 - 10 - 6. Deducting the amount
carried to account from the Collections
and for Mofurpha remission, the
Net balance against the Zemindary
at the end of fusly 1246 was
197438 - 14 - 3.-

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6 It is very satisfactory to the Board to learn that from the favorable appearances of the season at the time of the report, the Collector was led to expect the recovery of the arrears due to Government at an early period.

7 The Board approve generally of the proceedings of the Principal Collector in the cases stated in Paras 3-8 of his report, and they are of opinion that the remission of tax on Chillies and Brinjals referred to in Section 2 having been allowed by the Zemindar should be continued. It is presumed that the additional Maumuls alluded to in Section 6 of that Para have been resumed under the orders

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of the Board and the precept of the Courts the receipt of which was reported in the Principal Collectors

Cons 26 March 1835 letter of the 14 March last The objectionable Moturpha tax adverted to in Section 6 should be discontinued from the Current fusly —

8 With regard to the Dhumnasanom lands granted on Cowlenasanom the Board concur with the Collector in thinking it very desirable that the rights of the holders should be distinctly defined in respect to boundaries, and for this purpose the lands should be measured as far as can be effected with the present Establishments — But adverting to the uncertainty which exists as to the

the period during which the Estate
will remain under attachment they
do not deem it expedient to increase
the charges of management if it can
possibly be avoided. The Board
will expect to receive further
information upon this point in the
Principal Collector's report upon
July 1247.-

(A true Extract)

Recd. 8th June 1838 JB

A. Lobb
Acting Secretary.-

Desp. 4th June 1838.
Comp. J. Lambert

Revenue Department

[Extr]act from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue dated 2nd August 1838.-

Read the following letter from the Principal Collector of Madura dated 19th July 1838.-

/ Here enter No. 81 /

Para. The orders of the Sudr Udalut in the case of Raunee Ungamooth[u] Natchyar are contained in their Proceedings of the 26th February 1838, from which it would seem that the Appellant was declared entitled to execution of the Decree passed in her favor and consequent possession, on payment of the arrears of Revenue due to Government, and on her finding security for all net receipts of the lands, and

instructions

instructions were issued accordingly by the Court defining the mode in which such security should be calculated. It was understood by the Board that the security required had been furnished by the Appellant, and that there was no obstacle to her obtaining possession, other than her inability to discharge the Circar demand.-

2. In the Proceedings of the Register of the Udalut Court of Madura, under date the 30th April reference is made to certain Proceedings of the Southern Provincial Court of Appeal of the 4th April, but no transcript of these Proceedings has been furnished to the Board. The Board do not gather from the Register's proceedings that the security for one years profits of the Estate formerly tendered

and

and apparently accepted has been cancelled but only that additional security for ten thousand Rupees beyond that already tendered being the amount of costs to be incurred in Appeals should be produced, before the party was entitled to possession.-

3. If the Proceedings of the Provincial Court of the 4th April have directed the rejection of the security tendered and accepted by the Zillah Judge, the fact should be stated, and a copy of the Proceedings furnished.- It is to be regreted that so many references have been required on this subject which might have been obviated by the submission of a clear and succinct statement of the facts of the case, in the first instance, by the Principal Collector.-

(A true Copy)

[illegible]
Acting Secretary.

Recd 8th Augt 1838
[illegible]

Recd 11th Augt [illegible]

Revenue Department

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No. 513.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government.

Sir,

Para 1. — The Board of Revenue direct me to request you will submit for the orders of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Letter from the Principal Collector of Madura reporting upon the Petitions from Ranee Angoomoothoo Natchyar of Shevagunga forwarded with your letter of the 9th October. A previous letter from Mr. Blackburne of date the 14th September recommending the grant of an allowance to the Ex Zemindar of Shevagunga is also submitted on this occasion. —

[..] Novr. 1838.

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2. The Petitioner in her

address ~~to~~ adverts to two distinct questions - she

objects to a recommendation emanating

from the Principal Collector to grant

an allowance to her opponent the Ex:

Zemindar for his Subsistence, and she

requests that the Zemindary may

be made over to her direct admi-

nistration on her giving Security for

the liquidation by instalments of

the present Balance - To each of these

subjects the Principal Collector shortly

adverts in the communication now

submitted, adhering for reasons assigned

to his recommendation of a sum of

Rupees 500 per Mensem being granted

to the Ex Zemindar in arrears from

the 12th July last and offering his

opinion of the impolicy on personal

and legal grounds of acceding to

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Angoorwothee Nachyar's application to take the Zemindary into her immediate management.

3. On both these points the Board of Revenue direct me to state they concur with Mr. Blackburne. As regards the allowance suggested they would observe that the present Ex Proprietor came into possession of the Estate in succession to his Father and has had a decision passed in his favor before one Court of Law. He may still be a successful suitor before the Privy Council and he is besides in the Principal Collector's opinion entitled to maintenance from the family property. On these grounds, and the Zemindary being assumed for an arrear of Revenue, the Board are of opinion that

that an allowance to the extent re-commended and in arrear from July last might reasonably and properly be assigned for the Ex Zemindar's support, during the time that the Estate is retained under the management of the Officers of Government.

4. On the second point, vizt, the desire of the Petitioner herself to assume possession, the Board would consider such a measure objectionable even if no legal obstacle existed such as that to which the Principal Collector adverts in Parah 4 of his letter of the 6th Instant. The Balance for which the Zemindary was assumed was of very considerable magnitude, the reservoirs of the Estate were in a state of great dilapidation, large sums have been

expended

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expended in their repair, and other works are in progress under the superintendence of the Officers of Government, while the Principal Collector's administration hitherto has been characterized by the most successful results as will be shewn when the settlement of the year is reviewed. Under these circumstances, therefore, and adverting to the sex of the Petitioner, her capacity for managing unascertained, and her title disputed, the Estate itself being deeply embarrassed, the Board are not disposed to recommend compliance with her application to assume the management.-

5.- The original Petitions forwarded with your letter of the [illegible] Ultimo

Nos 503 & 504 of 1838

Ultimo are herewith returned.

Rev. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
29th November, 1838.

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Acting Secretary.

No. 41.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government

Sir,

Para 1. With reference to my Letter of the 29th November last reporting upon a Petition from Ranee Angoo Moothoo Natchyar of Shevagunga I am directed by the Board of Revenue to request you will lay before the Right Honorable the Governor in Council the accompanying Letters since received from the Principal Collector of Madura from which it would 22d. 23d. & 31st Dec 1838

appear

appear that the Courts have declared the competence of the sureties tendered by the Appellant for the eventual Costs of the Appeal to the Queen in Council.-

2.- The only obstacle to the Appellant now obtaining possession of the Zemindary is the arrear of public

Rs. 97,521-7-11 Revenue due thereon, and the Board for the reasons stated in the concluding Paras of the letter quoted above are still of opinion that it would be impolitic to entrust the administration of the Zemindary to this female unless this arrear be first liquidated.-

Revd. Bd. Office,
Fort St. George,
28 January 1839.

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
Secretary

Revenue

Revenue Department

No. 172.-

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th February, 1839.-

Read again the following Papers.-

Letter from the Board of Revenue dated 29 November, 1838 entered in Consultation 4th January 1839 - and

Petition from the Raunee of Shevagunga dated 27th December 1838, entered in Consultation 22nd January, 1839.-

Read also the following Papers.-

Extract from the Proceedings of the Sudr Udalut.-

(Here enter 21st January 1839 No. 10)

Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue

(Here enter 28 January 1839 No. 2)

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Para 1. The correspondence now before the Government emanated from two Petitions presented by Ranee Angoo Moothoo Natchyar remonstrating against the recommendation of the Principal Collector of Madura for the grant of an allowance of 500 Rupees per Mensem to the late possessor of the Zemindary of Shevagunga in that District from the proceeds of that Estate, and praying to be put in possession of the Zemindary on her entering into arrangements for the gradual liquidation of the balance against it. The Board of Revenue to whom the Petitions were referred in submitting a correspondence with the Principal Collector on the subject of these requests, suppor-

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his recommendation for the grant of the allowance to the Ex Zemindar, and observe in reference to the prayer of the Petitioner to be put in [illegible] -session of her property that they "consider such a measure objectiona--ble, even if no legal obstacle "existed, such as that to which the "Principal Collector adverts in Para "4 of his letter of the 6th Instant" (6 November).—

2. Previous to taking into consideration the Board's communication, a reference was made to the Judges of the Sudr Udalut with the view of ascertain--ing whether, as stated by the Ranee in her Petition, adequate security had been tendered and accepted, and if so, whether [illegible] grounds

grounds existed to prevent the withdrawal of the prohibition against the surrender of the property which the Principal Collector in the Para of his letter quoted by the Board stated to have remained uncancelled.-

3.- The allusion to the prohibition, it is observed, has been made by the Principal Collector in opposition to the request of the Ranee to be put in possession, and that circumstance is again brought forward by the Board of Revenue as one of the obstacles to a compliance with her request. The reply however of the Judges of the Sudr Udalut a Copy of which will now be furnished for the information of the Board of Revenue, has

informed

informed the Government that the prohibition against the surrender of the property was not intended to affect the Ranee, but the Zemindar, a measure that is reported to have been called for in consequence of "the former proofs of wastage" during the period the Zemindary was in his possession.

In respect to the security, the Judges add that it has been tendered but not reported upon by the lower Court.

4. The Right Honorable the Governor in Council sees reason to believe, that the Ranee has as yet, had no interference with the management of the Zemindary, and as no part of the arrears at present outstanding

against

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against it can be attributable to her, he considers it a serious hardship after the difficulties she has had to encounter in establishing her right before the several judicial Tribunals that took cognizance of it, and after obtaining a Decree in her favor from the highest of them, that she should be still kept out of possession. He observes that but for the accidental circumstance of the Estate being burthened with arrears, arrears which would appear to have accumulated not under the Ranee's but under her adversary, the Ex-Zemindar's management, the restoration of the property could not in fairness be refused to her, the other grounds of objection which the Board of Revenue

have

have alluded to, had she furnished the security demanded by the Court of Sadr Udalut – Under this view His Lordship in Council cannot concur in the sentiments expressed by the Board, and as he is of opinion that the case of the Ranee is one deserving of the greatest consideration, he resolves to request of them to reconsider the matter at their earliest convenience, and state whether indulgence similar to that shewn to other landed Proprietors in respect of the gradual liquidation of arrears and abatement of interest should not be extended to her. –

5. – As it however appears from the communication of the Board of Revenue dated the 28 Ultimo

that the Courts have declared the
competence of the sureties tendered
by the Ranee and as she has re-
-quested in the further Petition re-
-corded at the head of these pro-
-ceedings that no charges may be
incurred for Tank repairs or for
other purposes, which in the present
embarrassed state of the Zemindary
will only tend to increase her
liabilities, the Right Honorable
the Governor in Council is dis-
-posed to think that her request
is reasonable and should receive
the Board's serious attention,
pending a final decision in her
case. —

6. If however such pre-
-parations have been made for
the repairs as shall make it
desirable

desirable to continue the works, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council is decidedly of opinion that the charge for such works should not be allowed to stand in the way of the surrender of the Estate to the rightful owner. Like the arrears of Peshcush-it must be considered as belong-ing to the administration of the last occupant, and be dealt with accordingly.-

7.- His Lordship in Council although fully aware of the peculiar situation of distress in which the Ex Zemindar has been placed by the Decree of the Court of Sudr Udalut, is not prepared to adopt the suggestion of the Board of Revenue in his behalf

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behalf. It is certain that under the view before taken, had the Ranee obtained possession, any allowance for the maintenance of the Ex Zemindar would have been a matter of choice with her and it would not appear expedient for the Government to interfere on behalf of that individual against her consent, more especially when it is borne in mind that under the Decree of the Court of Sudr Udalut, by which the right of succession has been adjudged to her, the Ranee may by a motion prohibit the Principal Collector from making any disbursement from the assets of the Estate. It occurs to His

Lordship

Lordship in Council that the
Ex Zemindar ought to apply to
the Tribunal under whose decision
he has suffered if he considers
himself to honor any claim to
maintenance pending the result
of the appeal which he would
appear to have preferred to the
[illegible]vy Council.-

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Chamier

Chief Secretary

(True Copies)

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Secretary.-

Compt. [illegible] Lambert

Revenue Depart.

No. 126.

To
The Chief Secretary to
Government.

Sir,

Para 1. I am directed by the Board of Revenue to acknowledge the receipt of an Extract from the Minutes of Consultation under date the 8th February on the subject of the claims of the Ranee of Sheevagunga to undertake the management of that Zemindary with permission to discharge the Government arrear by instalments in a course of years.

In the letters from this Office

Office of the 29th November last, and of the 28th January, an opinion was expressed by the Board that the application of the Ranee to assume the management was not one which they could recommend to be complied with on grounds which they distinctly set forth. The reasons there expressed were not however considered altogether satisfactory by Government, and the Board were instructed to reconsider the case. With this view the Principal Collector of Madura was addressed under date the 25th February last, and I am now desired by the Board to request

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you will lay before Government

5th & 25th March 1839. the letters noted in the margin

received from Mr Blackburne on

this reference to which parti-

-cular attention is requested

3 In the former of these

communications the Ranee referred

to Mr Fairclair as her authorized

manager and instructed the Principal

Collector to place himself in com-

-munication with him to conclude

an arrangement for the liquidation

of the Government arrear and in

all matters connected with the ad-

-ministration of the Estate. In the

latter, however she has apparently

withdrawn the power of acting on

her behalf which she had

previously

previously conferred upon Mr Fondclair on the alleged pretence that this was restricted to the arrangement only for the liquidation of the balance, and she has requested that in all matters connected with the Zemindary she should be addressed direct.

4. Mr Blackburne arguing on the acts of the Zemindar, her versatility, the amount of her incumbrances, her misjudgment and the character of her advisers, has expressed a strong opinion that it would be inadvisable to surrender the Estate until the whole balance is discharged, and the Board fully concur in this

previous

opinion which is entirely in accord-
ance with their previous Senti-
ments. As a sample of her
Proceedings, the Principal Collector
states that she has executed
Bonds to Mr. Fondclair for
three lacs of Rupees which that
Gentleman has registered in the
Zillah Court, and that she
has mortgaged the entire Estate
to him with uncontrolled powers
of management till the amount
be liquidated, while she has
at the same time borrowed small
sums from Natives, and nomi-
nated one Govind Row, from whom
she has also obtained money,
her fiscal manager by a written
instrument

Mr. Blackburne's letter 25 March 1839.

instrument of date anterior to her alleged transactions with Mr Fondclair.

5. It is not the province of the Board to enquire how or in what way the Ranee could have rendered herself liable for debts to the extent of the sum said to be due to Mr. Fondclair, but the fact of the existence of that claim and of other demands against the Ranee, added to the circumstance that there are prior mortgages to a very large amount for debts contracted by former Zemindars and still undischarged, amounting as shewn in a letter from the Principal Collector dated

the

the 7th March 1836. to not less than 4 lacs of Rupees, is sufficient of itself to prove in the opinion of the Board that it would be, to say the least, extremely indiscreet to entrust the management of the Zemindary to her control unless the entire Government arrear be first discharged.—

6. The Board are not prepared to admit that it is a serious hardship to the Ranee to be excluded from the management of the Zemindary— A sufficient allowance for her comfortable maintenance has been assigned by Government from

from the proceeds, and under
the Collector's administration —
means have been taken to
repair the sources of irrigation
which had been allowed to
go to decay from the em-
barrassments of the proprietors.
Ultimately therefore the Estate
would come into her posses-
sion in a highly improved
condition, the outturn of the
Revenues under Mr. Blackburne's
management being very credit-
able to that Gentleman's ex-
ertions. —

7. It must be borne
in mind that even under ordinary
circumstances

circumstances it is not imperative on Government to commit the administration of the Pwagunga Estate to the Ranee, altho' the succession thereto has been decreed in her favor by the highest Court. It would seem indeed from the provisions of Regulation V of 1804 that, as a general rule, it was intended that females succeeding to the possession of landed property should be held by reason of their sex to be incapacitated from the management, and that the lands should be managed by the Officers of Government and Court of Wards in their behalf — authority being reserved for such Court to put females in possession "upon

"upon due and sufficient proof of the "means, ability, and discretion of the said "females to regulate their own affairs" Thus if the entire balance were discharged it would be possibly matter for con-sideration whether it would be right to entrust the Ranee Angoo Moothoo Natchyar with the management of the Zemindary unless more proof than the Board now possess be afforded of her competence to administer it with efficiency —

8. With these impressions the Board cannot recommend that any indulgence be shewn to the Zemindar —

9. I am directed to take this op-portunity to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th Ultimo and to re-quest you will acquaint the Right Honble the Governor in Council that the necessity of making a reference in the first instance to the Principal Collector of Madura has caused the delay in submitting the Board's sentiments on the points discussed in the Minutes of Consultation under acknowledgment

Revenue Board Office
Fort St. George
4th April 1839

(Signed) P. B. Smollett
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Extract

51 Revenue Department

No. 531

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 23rd April 1839.

Read the following Papers

Petition from Moottoo Vejaa Ragoonada Ungamoottoo Natcheyar Rance of Shevagunga.

(Here enter 31st March 1839)

Letter from the Secretary to the Board of Revenue.

(Here enter 4th April 1839 No. 126)

From the circumstances brought to the notice of Government in the above communication from the Board of Revenue, and from the

the nature and tenor of the Petition of the Ranee of Shevagunga there is too much reason to apprehend that injurious consequences would result from the surrender of the Zemindary to the Ranee's management surrounded as she is by advisers who seek only their own gain, and easily imposed upon as she appears to be from the large amount of her obligations chiefly incurred for alleged services in the recovery of her Estate His Lordship in Council must regard her as generally unfit for business and particularly for the management of so responsible a charge as that of the

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Shevagunga Zemindary, and as the interests of a large body of cultivators, independently of her own, require to be protected, the Right Honorable the Governor in Council feels it to be incumbent upon him to direct the retention of the Zemindary in the management of the Principal Collector until the demands of Government fully liquidated, and will reserve for future consideration the question as to its disposal afterwards, as circumstances may render proper, in reference to the provisions of Regulation V of 1804.—

The Petition of the Ranee recorded above will be transmitte

transmitted for the information of
the Board of Revenue, who will
instruct the Principal Collector
of Madura to explain to her
the motives which influence the
Government in the present decision,
and they will return the Petition
Government when no longer
required by them.—

(A true Extract)

(Signed) H. Chamier
Chief Secretary

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board
of Revenue dated 16th May 1839.—

Ordered that a
transcript of the foregoing Extract
from